

TIVERTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Regular meeting minutes: April 23, 2008

1. Call to order

Chair Cecil Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Tiverton Town Hall

Members present: Laura Epke, Ray Medeiros, Deb Pallasch, Stanley Zeramby, Diane Harris, F. Marshall Absent: Richard Joslin, Bob Koohy

2. Approval of minutes

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by R. Medeiros, to approve minutes for March 26, 2008. Motion approved with S. Zeramby abstaining.

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by D. Harris, to approve minutes for April 16, 2008. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by D. Harris, to approve minutes as amended for April 19, 2008. Motion approved with F. Marshall abstaining.

3. Commission discussion:

Motion made by C. Leonard, seconded by D. Pallasch, to discuss upcoming commission schedule. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued with no action taken

1. FTM alternative – Substantial discussion ensued with no action taken. Town Solicitor Andrew Teitz was present to answer Commission questions.
2. Language for other charter change ballot questions. Town Solicitor Andrew Teitz was present to answer Commission questions. Solicitor asked Commission for direction relative to section 1210 of the Charter (Termination, Suspension and Removal from office)
 - a. Motion was made by D. Harris, seconded by R. Medeiros, to clarify section to change Town Administrator role to have sole authority to hire and fire dept. heads. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Input

Ms. Joanne Arruda expressed concern for the changes being suggested for section 1210 giving the Town Administrator sole power to hire and fire the dept heads given the budget responsibilities of the TC.

5. Other

None

6. Adjournment

The Commission's April 23, 2008 regular meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Deborah Pallasch, Secretary.